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1. HERewith FULL TEXT OF GOE MARCH 3 STATEMENT ON SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S SPEECH.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ENERGETICALLY REJECTS THE
EXPRESSIONS WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS HAS ATTRIBUTED TO
THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER,
IN A SPEECH GIVEN ON SATURDAY, THE FIRST OF MARCH, IN HOUSTON,
TEXAS, IN WHICH OUR COUNTRY IS MADE TO APPEAR THE INSTIGATOR OF
"FRUITLESS AND ARTIFICIAL CONFRONTATIONS" BETWEEN THE REPUBLICS
OF THIS HEMISPHERE, AND IN WHICH WE ARE VEILEDLY ACCUSED OF
HAVING CAUSED THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE "NEW DIALOGUE" BETWEEN
LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM,
ONCE AGAIN, ITS UNSHAKABLE POLICY OF NOT NEGOTIATING UNDER
PRESSURE OR COERCION, NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL
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GATHERINGS IN WHICH THERE DOES NOT EXIST AN ABSOLUTE EQUALITY

AMONG STATES, AND IN WHICH THE VOICE OF THIS COUNTRY MIGHT SEEM DIMINISHED BY THREATS OR ACTION STEMMING FROM LEGISLATION WHICH ESTABLISHES SANCTIONS OR DENIES EQUALITY OF TREATMENT IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, FOR RAW MATERIALS, AND OTHER PRODUCTS WHICH ARE VITAL TO THE ECUADOREAN ECONOMY.

4. ALL OF LATIN AMERICAN, UPON READING THE TEXT OF THE NEW TRADE REFORM ACT OF 1974 OF THE UNITED STATES, RESOLVED TO POSTPONE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE THIS MONTH IN BUENOS AIRES, UNTIL THE COERCIVE MEASURES AND DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT GIVEN INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN THAT LAW HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND EQUILIBRIUM HAS BEEN RE-ESTABLISHED IN RELATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES OF THIS HEMISPHERE.

5. AS MR. KISSINGER SO WELL EXPRESSED IN ANOTHER PART OF HIS SPEECH, "THE NATIONS OF AMERICA FACE TOO MANY PROBLEMS TO PERMIT THEIR ENERGIES TO BE EXPENDED IN "ARTIFICIAL AND SUCH FRUITLESS CONFRONTATIONS"; IT IS THEREFORE THE OBLIGATION OF THE MORE HIGHLY DEVELOPED NATIONS OF THIS CONTINENT, WHICH ENJOY THE GREATEST WELL-BEING AND PROGRESS, NOT TO AGGRAVATE WITH ILL-CONSIDERED LAWS THE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE FOR THE UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS, AND TO ALLOW EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN WHICHEVER OF THE NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA, WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION. QUITO, 2 MARCH 1975. END TEXT.
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